IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend Claim 4 as follows. The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently amended) A method of ~~retrieving~~ accessing data, comprising:

~~generating~~ receiving a transaction infrastructure object requesting data;

receiving a data service transaction name;

retrieving a data service transaction [[DST]] corresponding to the data service transaction name ~~requested data~~;

converting the transaction infrastructure object into a different format using an input element of the data service transaction;

sending ~~a request~~ the converted transaction infrastructure object to a data source;

obtaining the requested data from the data source ~~the results of the request from the data source~~; and

transforming the data into a transaction infrastructure response object using an output element of the data service transaction.

Claim 5 (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of transforming the data into a transaction infrastructure response object includes transforming the data into an XML format; and

transforming the XML format into a .NET response object.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the transaction infrastructure object includes at least one of a .NEW object, Java Bean and Java Enterprise Edition.

Claim 7 (Currently amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the transaction infrastructure response object includes at least one of a .NET object, Java Bean and Java Enterprise Edition.

Claim 8 (New) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having control logic stored therein for causing a computer to access data, said control logic comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to receive a transaction infrastructure object requesting data;

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to receive a data service transaction name;

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to retrieve a data service transaction corresponding to the data service transaction name;

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to convert the transaction infrastructure object into a different format using an input element of the data service transaction;

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to send the converted transaction infrastructure object to a data source;

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to obtain the requested data from the data source; and

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to transform the data into a transaction infrastructure response object using an output element of the data service transaction.

Claim 9 (New) The computer program product of claim 11, further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to transform the data into an XML format; and

computer readable program code means for causing the computer to transform the XML format into a .NET response object.

Claim 10 (New) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the transaction infrastructure object includes at least one of a .NEW object, Java Bean and Java Enterprise Edition.

Claim 11 (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the transaction infrastructure response object includes at least one of a .NET object, Java Bean and Java Enterprise Edition.

Claim 12 (New) A system for accessing data, comprising:

means for receiving a transaction infrastructure object requesting data;

means for receiving a data service transaction name;

means for retrieving a data service transaction corresponding to the data service transaction name;

means for converting the transaction infrastructure object into a different format using an input element of the data service transaction;

means for sending the converted transaction infrastructure object to a data source;

means for obtaining the requested data from the data source; and

means for transforming the data into a transaction infrastructure response object using an output element of the data service transaction.